

Walk the Global Walk
2019 - 2020

Young Normans want to ensure that all policies relating to Region Normandie respect the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) or at least do not go against it. We especially worked on proposals to achieve SDG 13 - "Climate Action" which you can see the results down below :

Food Waste:

- 1- Weigh the waste at school restaurant and challenge the students to reduce their waste all along the school year
- 2- Organize an organic food waste collect in order to compost them and reuse them as fertilizer
- 3- Create vegetable gardens in schools. Students will be able to choose what to grow and take care of it with the school.
- 4- Promote collaboration between supermarkets and associations for food which expiration date is close or with a slight defect.

Waste Management:

- 5- Create simple informational posters (with pictures because the brain understands it faster) for everyone to have a better understanding of how to sort waste and why it's important.
- 6- Create a challenge to elect the least waste producer school in one year in proportion to its students' number.
- 7- Reduce plastics: use a plastic-free cutlery (cardboard ones instead) ; create fabric bags ; use glass bottles or aluminum ones (that the Region Normandie gives to every Norman student a tote bag)
- 8- Establish recycling standards in high schools.
- 9- Install ashtrays in front of high schools to recycle cigarettes butts (for example in urban furniture).
- 10- Create pickup points in schools for bigger waste (glasses, textile, electronic material, etc.) and give them to local associations that recycle or reuse them.
- 11- Establish an efficient material sorting and reusing in schools from the surroundings all the way to the canteen through the classrooms.
- 12- Install waste-free picnics during school trips.
- 13- More trash cans in cities and at the beach and empty them regularly in cases of large crowds.

14- Put on a drawing, or a poster so that there is a clear explanation on bins for everyone to understand it.

Sea/Ocean pollution:

15- Participate by donating hairs (hairdressers etc...) used to control and filter black tides.

16- Set up "clean walks" on local beaches. e.g. : Invite students : many will be motivated if they know where to go.

17- Clean beaches, oceans and make sure there are enough bins on our beaches.

Education:

18- Meet more often and since kindergarten, speakers from associations for example, to become more aware at a younger age, by working with the Region for high schools and with the academy rectorate for lower grade levels.

19- Continue and generalize formation and meetings with eco-responsible students.

20- Promote and support students who want to study in fields that allow to fight against climate change.

21- Give responsibility and allow volunteer high school students to carry out awareness sessions with younger pupils from their schools but other ones also.

22- Propose new challenges every week inside schools (students and employees) to respect sustainable development. *e.g.: on the high school social media or by creating a school agenda*

23- Organize systematically awareness and educational days on sustainable development theme with meeting external speakers, activities in each Norman schools.

24- Create simple guides, accessible to all, to reduce our everyday impact on the environment.

25- Organize « Sustainable Development classes » in committed places to discuss between schools of concrete actions to be carried out.

Clean energies:

26- Force public schools to get their energy from green electricity suppliers by 1st of January of 2022.

27- Expand installations of solar panels in schools.

Biodiversity and fight against deforestation:

28- A tree planted for each high school students in Normandie, making it possible to set up hedges, orchards, or agroforestry

29- Plant trees everywhere in unused spaces of public schools.

30- Make public schools propose at least one vegan option in their menu because it's more respectful to the environment.

31- Foster working with local and/or organic food producers for restauration in schools.

Associations:

32- Inform young people on the possibility to create associations, often seen as inaccessible or complicated because of the French administrative procedures which are considered to be hard.

33- Create at the Region a support unit for proceeding in creating an association.

34- Show young people associations which are already fighting climate change at a local scale. Encourage them to create a "by young people, for young people" association to participate at their scale.

Innovations :

35- Install "Ecosia" or "Lilo.org" on public schools' computers (and propose to install it on personal computers) by the start of the 2022 school year.

36- Let students speak up on the school radio so they can present their ideas, recommendations, and tips to better respect sustainable development.

37- About the equipment supplied by the Region, favor reconditioned equipment and ensure that the equipment is reprocessed when it becomes out of use.

38- Implement "repair activities" in schools where external speakers would teach students how to repair our devices (disassemble a smartphone, change a piece in a washing machine, repair a bike, etc.)

Transports:

39- Ask for more direct train lines between towns of Normandy and the major French cities, increase the frequency of trains. Make sure to have an attractive price on NOMAD (Normandy's public transport network) to encourage the use of the rail network.

40- Ask the Region to partially finance carpooling.

Social links:

41- Propose training sessions to elderly people and their families, but also the helping staff in the form of fun activities and games in order to familiarize them with computer science and to discuss on how to fight for environment between different generations.
e.g. : Propose exchanges between schools and retirement homes, to play online for example (chess, checkers, etc.)

Pesticides:

42- Support financially farmers who are converting to a pesticide-free agriculture so that there is no more pesticides used.

Act against natural disasters:

43- Map all the risks in Normandy (sea-level rising) and work with professionals to take actions right now.

Housing:

44- Help young people for their first house. Avoid it being a thermal sieve and them taking a low tier "F" house by default because it's cheaper. This support could be a complement to APL (personalized help for housing).

45- Enforce a stronger signage on energy efficiency rating of buildings so the landlords cannot write it down very small.